

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

This interpretation applies to existing child day-care homes that are occupied by fewer than 13 clients.

Egress through a garage is not permitted for new day-care homes.

Question: Are clients permitted to use an attached garage as a means of escape from an existing day-care home?

Response: Yes, with restrictions.

The following criteria must be met if a day-care home wishes to utilize a garage as a means of escape from the home.

1. The garage must have a walk-through door that is at least 28 inches in width that leads directly to the exterior.
2. The path from the home to the walk-through door must be unobstructed, and at least 36 inches in width. The path cannot be obstructed by a vehicle or other objects that may delay egress.
3. The garage must be free from hazardous items such as gas-powered equipment, flammable or combustible liquid storage, unless stored in an approved cabinet, or other items that significantly increase the hazard in the garage.

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